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Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
1919 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Declaratory Ruling  
Docket No. 96-83  
Petitioner: Joseph M. Snodgrass

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been retained by Mr. Joseph M. Snodgrass and his tenant, Mr. Mychal Massie, in a matter involving an installed DBS Satellite Dish in a condominium development.

The particulars are as follows:

Mr. Joseph M. Snodgrass is the owner of a condominium located at 410 Mews Drive, Sellersville, PA 18960. Mr. Snodgrass actually resides at 1762 Everly Way, Quakertown, PA 18951 and has leased the aforementioned condominium to Mr. Mychal Massie. Mr. Snodgrass has installed a DBS Satellite Dish in such a way that the actual installation fastening is entirely within the confines of the inside of the condominium. Specifically, Mr. Snodgrass has installed the base of the satellite dish on a 18" board which when in place extends approximately 10" beyond the plane of the window. It is entirely retractable. Objections have been raised by the condominium association regarding the presence of this DBS Satellite Dish when lowered into its operating position. It should be noted that the objections have not related to any legitimate safety restrictions nor has there been a declaration that this area is eligible under the National Registry of Historic Places. Again, we wish to emphasize that the actual fastening hardware which holds the DBS Satellite Dish in place remains inside the confines of the condominium and the fastening device does not protrude outside the plane of the window, nor does it touch or rest upon any portion of the common area of the condominium.

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Mr. Snodgrass is seeking a declaratory ruling that will substantiate his right to utilize this DBS Satellite Dish in its present configuration. Please review this matter at your earliest opportunity and provide us with a declaratory ruling.

Please note that I have supplied an original and four (4) copies of this Petition for your review. Thank you very much for the time and effort involved in this Petition.

Also enclosed please find Affidavits of Service which indicate that all interested parties were served with copies of this Petition.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact my offices.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Mr. Mychal Massie  
Mr. Joseph M. Snodgrass  
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